Pechipara Reservoir.

41. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are any underground springs within the water spread area of the Pechipara Reservoir ;

(*b*) if so, how many;

(*c*) whether there was such a spring near the Dam or thereabout;

(*d*) whether these springs have been choked up since the removal of the under sluice at the Dam ; and

(*e*) what provisions are made against the silting up of the Reservoir ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not possible to count.

(*c*) No, as far as is known.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) A belt of forest land is maintained all round the water spread area and denudation of forests in the catchment is also prohibited.

Pechipara Reservoir.

42 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number and names of mountain streams feeding the Pechipara Reservoir ;

(*b*) whether any and which of them has a perennial flow of water ; and

(*c*) whether it is possible by any means to increase the supply of water in these streams ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) Three streams Chittar, Kallar and Kodayar and their several tributaries.

(*b*) Yes, all of them, but the flow is scanty during summer and plenty during monsoon.

(*c*) No.

Water Source for Pechipara Reservoir.

43 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have investigated the extent of the forest that would be necessary to ensure sufficient rainfall in the catchment area of the Pechipara Reservoir and of the streams feeding it, so as to keep up the required storage in the Reservoir ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : No ; nor is such investigation feasible or necessary.

Circular re Land Conservancy Cases.

44 * MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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(*a*) whether there is at present in force a circular or order directing that, during appeals from Land Conservancy Cases, execution of the money-portion of the original court orders should not be stayed, but only the portion of the order relating to eviction wherever necessary ;

(*b*) whether they have reconsidered the matter in view of the assurance given in this House as reported at page 398 of Vol. XVIII of printed proceedings of this Assembly dated the 28th July 1941 ; and

(*c*) if so, the wording of that circular as it now stands ?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) After investigation Government find that there are no sufficient grounds for reconsidering the matter.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) this question does not arise.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know why a distinction should be made in the matter of staying of appeals regarding the money-portion of the original court orders ?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI : Because it will affect the collection of land revenue.

Sea weeds.

45 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have investigated the possibility of using sea weeds as manure for paddy crops ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*) : No.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pattanamthitta*) : May I know whether Government have investigated the possibility of using sea weed as manure for paddy crops ?

PRESIDENT : Investigations on the matter are being made by the University. Attempts are made to get iodine from sea weed and I may say that investigations have proceeded fairly well. Iodine is a very useful substance.

Encroachment on Tanks.

46 *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of poramboke cases registered during the year in each of the taluks of Thovala, Agastisvaram, Kalkulam and Vilavankod for encroaching upon tanks or tank beds ; and

(*b*) the number of such tanks in the said taluks which have been encroached upon but regarding which no cases have been taken ?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI :

(*a*)

Thovala	...	56
Agastisvaram	...	83
Kalkulam	...	13
Vilavankod	...	15

(*b*) It is reported that cases have been taken up in respect of all encroachments on tanks or tank-beds detected.

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